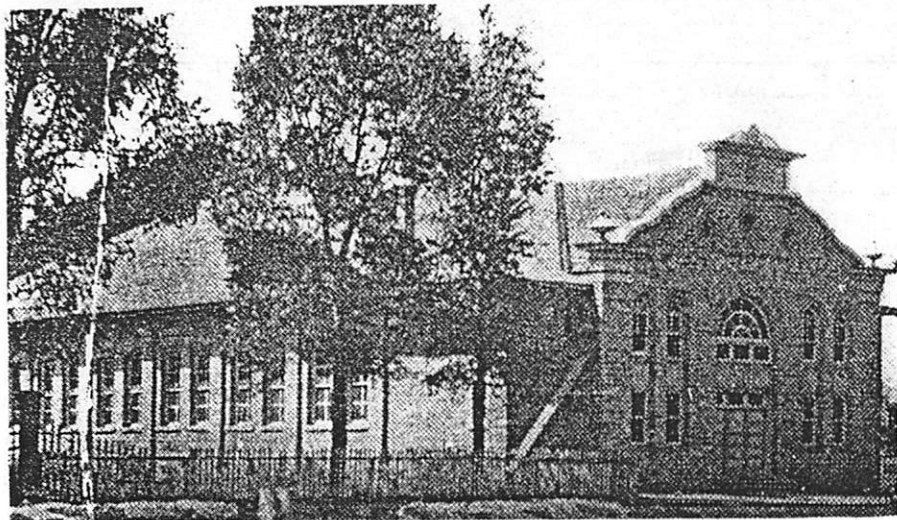


Jeffs receiving the most votes. Sister Mary A. Barnes was chosen first counselor and Mary A. Giles as second."

This system of choosing officers in the MIA by vote was changed when stake and general boards were organized.

The year 1903 was important in the history of Heber City for in that year the two Heber Wards were dissolved and three new wards were created. President William H. Smart, who had succeeded President Hatch in 1901, directed the reorganization of the wards.



The Heber Amusement Hall, constructed in 1906-07 and still in use today.

The two old wards had been divided east and west of Main Street. The new Heber First Ward was to include those living east of Main Street and north of First South. The Heber Second Ward encompassed those living north of Second South, west of Main Street to the Provo River, and the boundary extended north as far as there were any inhabitants to the boundary of Summit Stake. The Heber Third Ward included the area south of First South east of Main Street and south of Second South west of Main Street.

One of the first cooperative projects of the three new wards was construction of the Heber Amusement Hall in 1906 and 1907. The building was badly needed to meet the growing demands of auxiliary organizations of the wards.

The building, now known as the Heber Social Hall, was built under the supervision of Edward D. Clyde. Most of the work on the building was done by volunteer laborers.

When the building was begun the men of the wards turned out in full force to help on the project. The women were present to serve them a delicious meal at the Stake House.

The huge oak dance floor was carefully planned with more than 400 coil springs under the floor. Each piece of flooring was carefully laid, and while the floor was being constructed the work proceeded night and day. Again the women were on hand to keep everyone working and happy with refreshments. Fitting the corners of the floor proved a difficult problem, but George Barzee, a surveyor, was called in and he computed a mathematical formula which the workmen followed and finished the work. The floor is still considered one of the best dance floors in the state.

As the project neared completion the stake leaders set a date for the first dance and party in the building, and everyone worked feverishly to meet the deadline.

Later, an annex room was built adjoining the main building to accommodate smaller parties and banquets. Some 250 to 300 people can be seated in this room. Members of the Heber ward Relief Societies in turn supervise the kitchen which is well equipped for parties and banquets.

Through the years the hall has been a center of social and cultural events for the community as well as the Church. Its usefulness has proved the foresight of the early leaders of the Heber Wards in proposing that the facility be constructed.

HEBER FIRST WARD

Robert Duke, former bishop of the Heber East Ward, was sustained as the first bishop of the new Heber First Ward. Before the reorganization of the ward, Bishop Duke had officiated at the laying of



The old Heber First Ward Chapel dedicated December 26, 1915.